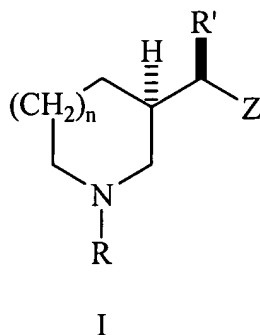


In the claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A compound of formula I:



wherein

n is 1;

R is aralkyl;

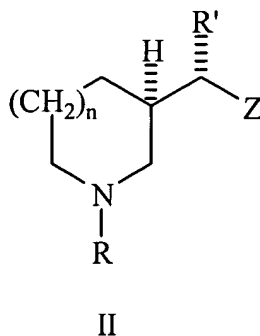
R' is alkyl;

Z is NHR''; and

R'' is unsubstituted aryl.

2. **(canceled)**
3. **(canceled)**
4. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R is -CH₂CH₂Ph.
5. **(canceled)**
6. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R' is methyl.
7. **(canceled)**
8. **(currently a mended)** The compound of claim 1, wherein [[Z is NHR''; and]] R'' is phenyl.
9. **(canceled)**
10. **(canceled)**

11. **(canceled)**
12. **(canceled)**
13. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1, wherein $[[n \text{ is } 1;]]$ R' is Me; $[[Z \text{ is } NHR'';]]$ and R'' is phenyl.
14. **(canceled)**
15. **(canceled)**
16. **(canceled)**
17. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1, wherein $[[n \text{ is } 1;]]$ R is $-CH_2CH_2Ph$; and R' is methyl.
18. **(canceled)**
19. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1, wherein $[[n \text{ is } 1;]]$ R is $-CH_2CH_2Ph$; R' is methyl; $[[Z \text{ is } NHR'';]]$ and R'' is phenyl.
20. **(currently amended)** A compound of formula II:



wherein

n is 1;

R is aralkyl;

R' is alkyl;

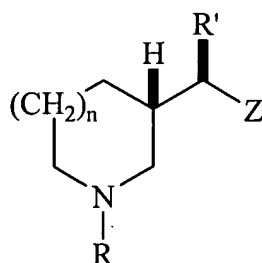
Z is NHR'' ; and

R'' is unsubstituted aryl.

21. **(canceled)**

22. **(canceled)**
23. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein R is -CH₂CH₂Ph.
24. **(canceled)**
25. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein R' is methyl.
26. **(canceled)**
27. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 20, wherein [[Z is NHR''; and]] R'' is phenyl.
28. **(canceled)**
29. **(canceled)**
30. **(canceled)**
31. **(canceled)**
32. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 20, wherein [[n is 1;]] R' is Me; [[Z is NHR'';]] and R'' is phenyl.
33. **(canceled)**
34. **(canceled)**
35. **(canceled)**
36. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 20, wherein [[n is 1;]] R is -CH₂CH₂Ph; and R' is methyl.
37. **(canceled)**
38. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 20, wherein [[n is 1;]] R is -CH₂CH₂Ph; R' is methyl; [[Z is NHR'';]] and R'' is phenyl.

39. **(currently amended)** A compound of formula III:



III

wherein

n is 1;

R is aralkyl;

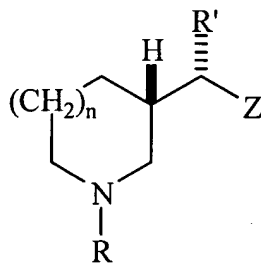
R' is alkyl;

Z is NHR''; and

R'' is unsubstituted aryl.

40. **(canceled)**
41. **(canceled)**
42. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein R is -CH₂CH₂Ph.
43. **(canceled)**
44. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein R' is methyl.
45. **(canceled)**
46. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 39, wherein Z is [[NHR''; and]] R'' is phenyl.
47. **(canceled)**
48. **(canceled)**
49. **(canceled)**
50. **(canceled)**

51. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 39, wherein $[[n \text{ is } 1;]]$ R' is Me; $[[Z \text{ is } \text{NHR}'';]]$ and R'' is phenyl.
52. **(canceled)**
53. **(canceled)**
54. **(canceled)**
55. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 39, wherein $[[n \text{ is } 1;]]$ R is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$; and R' is methyl.
56. **(canceled)**
57. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 39, wherein $[[n \text{ is } 1;]]$ R is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$; R' is methyl; $[[Z \text{ is } \text{NHR}'';]]$ and R'' is phenyl.
58. **(currently amended)** A compound of formula IV:



IV

wherein

n is 1;

R is aralkyl;

R' is alkyl;

Z is NHR'' ; and

R'' is unsubstituted aryl.

59. **(canceled)**
60. **(canceled)**
61. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein R is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$.

62. **(canceled)**
63. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein R' is methyl.
64. **(canceled)**
65. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 58, wherein [[Z is NHR''; and]] R'' is phenyl.
66. **(canceled)**
67. **(canceled)**
68. **(canceled)**
69. **(canceled)**
70. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 58, wherein [[n is 1;]] R' is Me; [[Z is NHR'';]] and R'' is phenyl.
71. **(canceled)**
72. **(canceled)**
73. **(canceled)**
74. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 58, wherein [[n is 1;]] R is -CH₂CH₂Ph; and R' is methyl.
75. **(canceled)**
76. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 58, wherein [[n is 1;]] R is -CH₂CH₂Ph; R' is methyl; [[Z is NHR'';]] and R'' is phenyl.

Claims 77-104 **(canceled)**